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Editor:

I am a cross-cultural psychologist interested in the UFO situation.

I've watched from the sidelines over the past year as you and your staff have steadily improved the quality of *UFO*. In Vol. 5, No. 5, you said some things I thought particularly laudable. I'm referring to your comments in the editorial above the masthead, to your remarks at the conclusion of the review of Howard Blum's book and to your wrap-up comments following Don Ecker's Whistleblower piece.

I get the feeling that you're growing and that your commitment is deepening—keep after it!

Charles Sweet, Ph.D.
Walnut Creek, CA

Editor:

Don Ecker's two-part series about Bill Cooper, contrary to Cooper's habitual and phony threats to sue, was restrained and to the point. A number of damaging charges, in fact, were understated in the articles or were withheld entirely from print.

The many opportunities Cooper has been given to present proof or evidence in the face of reasonable questions—all ignored—only add to the overhwelming presumption that his refusal to deliver actually represents an *inability* to deliver. And that brings into question his entire story (excepting that portion he lifted from others that may have basis in fact), which may exist only in his imagination as a scheme to extract money from gullible audiences.

I have interviewed a former Navy Lieutenant Commander who did actually serve on the CINCPACFLT intelligence briefing team, starting one year before Cooper's tour of duty with the Flag Administrative Unit in Honolulu and lasting one year after Cooper was shipped out to sea duty again. This officer told me that he does not remember Cooper at any briefing, and says he believes the story is simply a hoax.

If the national security apparatus of the United States continues to exhibit marked disinterest or total disdain in Cooper's "courageous" efforts to present government secrets to the public, a prudent person might conclude there is simply no basis on which the government might prosecute him. It would seem any prosecution would be at the state level, where he might be tried for fraudulently taking money from the public; however, the great success of P.T. Barnum illustrates just how likely that would be.

Ed DeMar
West Sedona, AZ

Editor:

Milton William Cooper and other fanatics like him have been part of the American UFO scene for as long as I can remember having an interest in the subject . . . about 30 years now. During that time, one thing has become abundantly clear to me: "Believers" will believe, and fools will, in fact, be separated from their money.

Walk down the midway of any county fair, and you'll see what I mean. There is little difference between Cooper's rhetoric and the sideshow barker selling tickets to see a three-headed snake.

People who understand the current importance of legitimizing UFO research will, I suspect, reject Cooper's conspiracy paranoia *a priori*. Those individuals who support "the word" as written and spoken by Cooper will do so in spite of facts and warnings to the contrary.

Two issues of the Cooper miniseries is enough.

Michael L. Layne
Albuquerque, NM

Editor:

I thought the latest info on Milton William Cooper (Vol. 5, No. 5) was handled very well. The inclusion of letters from Cooper and some of his cronies made it all the better, and it was good to see a reference to his use of scatological terms. Little things like that give us a much truer impression of Cooper is all about than all the conspiracies and flag-waving and old time religion rolled together. He's like a cornered rat, desperate, vicious and vile. Keep up the good work.

George Knapp
Las Vegas, NV

Editor:

Please allow me to offer my viewpoint on the Cooper article in your last issue. First of all, you charge Bill Cooper's information as being of a "sensationalist nature," yet his scenario is nowhere near the extreme of what Paul Bennewitz was saying in the early to mid-'80s. If anyone is to be accused of spreading "fantasy tales," it is him. Mr. Bennewitz has been severely discredited, and more or less has been told to erase and forget. It seems to have worked.

You'd better start waking up to the fact that these "fantasy tales" might just have a basis in reality. Next we have another example where Mr. Ecker has failed to do his homework. If he had read Linda Howe's book ***Alien Harvest***, he would not be confused as to why Cooper debunks anything having to do with Majestic. The usage of the word Majestic in his interview with Paul Shepherd was intentional, in order to "test the response of the government," knowing full well it was *Majority* all along.

What difference does it make if Cooper legally or illegally reviewed the documents? The fact is, he saw them.

Mr. Ecker went on to say that Cooper was quoted as having said they (the "Orange") are starring on TV in Alien Nation. That is just a case of misunderstanding. At the speech Cooper made at Hollywood High School last November, he remarked, "If you want to know what the Orange look like, watch Alien Nation." He certainly did not mean the aliens themselves were playing their own part. And of course Mr. Ecker sneeringly adds at the end of his article,". . . numerous contradictions, inaccuracies, lies and inconsistencies that

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up a genetics program that stretches back to the beginning of Man himself."

The implication, then, is that the Watchers have been with us since the dawn of humanity, that they may indeed be a sort of angelic figure (as Betty has often surmised) and that they are becoming more overtly interventionist as Mankind's race towards self-destruction continues to accelerate.

Now disregarding the fact that their millenia of watching and subtle interventionism has been a dismal failure, as demonstrated by our current state of affairs, doesn't this message sound a bit familiar?

Of course it does. Environmental awareness is a major concern these days, but it is not that familiarity to which I refer. Remember the contactees—Adamski, Bethurum, Menger, et. al. In the Cold War 1950s, with its almost paranoid overlay of concern about atomic war, the contactees gave us messages from the "Space Brothers" that our nuclear weapons tests could upset the "cosmic balance" of the Universe. Now we find an abductee conveying the message that the Watchers say our future is in peril because of our mistreatment of Mother Earth.

Like the Space Brothers, the Watchers seem to be holding up a mirror to our fears. But is it a real mirror or are the abductees, as we believed the contactees of yesterday were doing, simply unconsciously creating alien authority figures in a reaction to what they perceive as problems earth's peoples can't solve?

That's an attractive solution, but psychological testing seems to rule out the Phil Klass theory that abductees are weak-minded folk "infected" by the abductionist writings of Strieber. [illegible]

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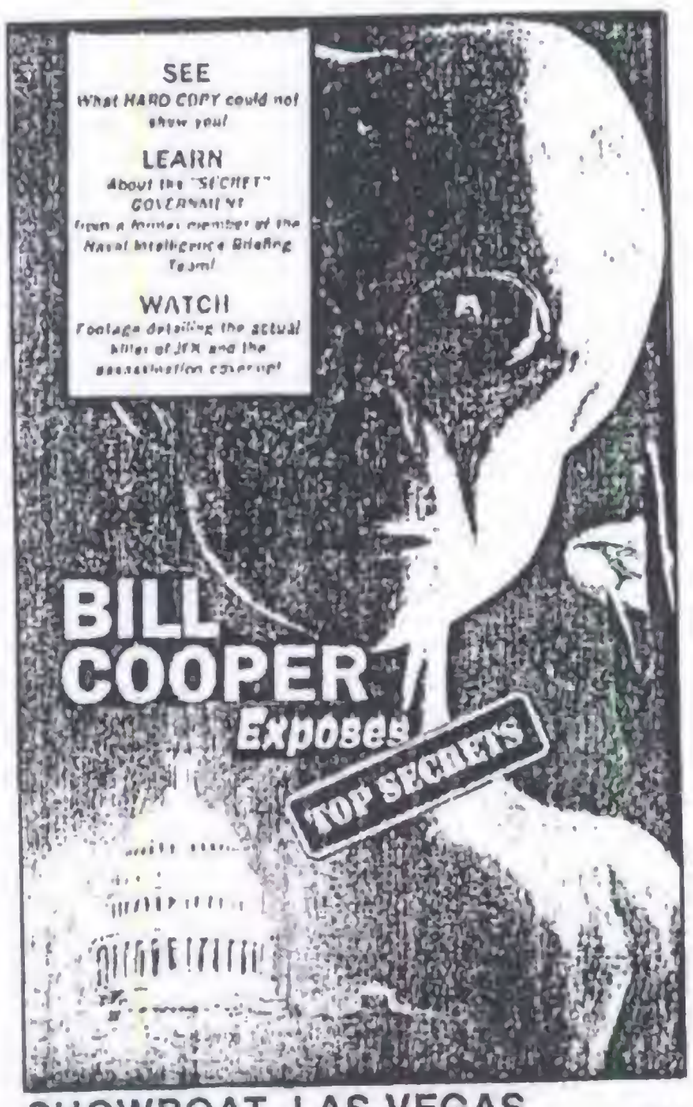

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